# Trapshooters Devise Methods to Maintain Interest of Beginners and Mediocre in Game

# CLASSIFICATION EVENT NO REASON FOR FEATURE THIS YEAR IN CDAME IID IN A TRAPSHOOTING CLASSIC

Stoney McLinn, Association Secretary, Encouraging Plan to Give Beginners and Mediocre Shots Chances for Titles and Medals at Grand American

THE grand American trapshooting tournament will be held in Atlantic City I in September this year and something new will be tried out. The stunt is not exactly an experiment, as it has been tried in many tourneys, but this will be the first time it has been applied to a big national event. The shooters

will be classified. The shooters will be divided into five classes in accordance with their official averages, and the winner of each class will be known as the champion If his class in America. This classification championship race is expected to be one of the big features of the tournament and a handsome medal will be

presented to each of the class winners. In trapshooting, as in all sports, the principal problem is to maintain the interest of what is sometimes referred to as the "never waser." There is a certain class of men who simply cannot climb above 90 per cent-that is, 90 out of 100 targets broken. There also are beginners constantly entering the

sport, who must be encouraged. It is impossible for any man to walk out to the traps and in one month one year become a top-notcher-that is, a man who can break 95 or better, and occasionally win an important event. A man always wants to be rewarded for improvement in his shooting. He may be a 75 per center who breaks 80 out of 100. And these five targets improvement look as big to the 75 per center as does 100 straight to the 95 per center.

For many years all trapshooting events were conducted on what is known the "high-gun system." The only man or men rewarded and honored were those who were at the top of the heap. This meant that in a 100-target event invariably it required 97 or better to win a trophy or a cash prize. It was possible to go to a large tournament and select one of perhaps a dozen men, one or several of whom would walk away with the honors.

It is apparent that there was very little incentive for the man who averaged below 90 per cent to attend trapshooting competitions. He became very tired of finding his name among the "also rans." True, there was some distance handicap shooting when an effort was made to equalize the contestants by yardage handicaps. This placed the top-notchers on the 22 or 28 yard mark, where their scores were pretty certain to be reduced from five to ten targets.

THIS did not take care of the mediocre shot. He remained on the 1 16-yard mark, but even in a distance handicap a score below 90 put him among the "also rans." And there are and always will be a certain class of shooters who could not break 90 or better even if you stood them on the traphouse.

#### Started Classifications in 1914

TN 1914 George S. McCarty, the Eastern zone champion of the American Trapshooting Association, evolved the idea of classing the shooters. He provided four or five trophies for the Philadelphia Trapshooters' League, with the understanding that the contestants were to be placed in classes in accordance with their ability. This meant that the chaps of the varying degrees ability could compete among themselves on virtually an equal basis. To indicate just how this works out, look at the present rules regarding the classi-Scation of shooters. When there are 100 and more contestants at a tournament they are classified as follows:

Class 1-94 per cent and over.

Class 2-90 per cent and under 94 per cent.

Class 3-86 per cent and under 90 per cent.

Class 4-82 per cent and under 86 per cent. Class 5-Below 82 per cent.

Where there are forty (40) contestants and fewer than 100 contestants. then there are four classes arranged as follows:

Class 1-93 per cent and over. Class 2-88 per cent and under 93 per cent.

Class 3-85 per cent and under 88 per cent. Class 4-Below 83 per cent.

When there are twenty contestants and fewer than forty contestants, then

there are three classes arranged as follows: Class 1-92 per cent and over.

Class 2-85 per cent and under 92 per cent. Class 3-Below 85 per cent.

When there are fewer than twenty contestants then there are two classes. arranged as follows:

Class 1-00 per cent and over. Class 2-Less than 90 per cent.

The American Trapshooting Association, by keeping a careful record of a man's registered target shooting, and giving him an official average of rating, has made it possible to classify shooters in strict accord with their ability as evidenced by their shooting at sanctioned targets. And this has been the means of encouraging the mediocre shooters and the beginners.

Today men win trophies at tournaments who never would have had a thing to show for their shooting under the high-gun system of reward. The American Trapshooting Association does not believe in rewarding inefficiency. and it does believe that championship events should be high gun. A man who leads a large field at a tournament, with perhaps a 99 out of a 100, or a 100 straight, is entitled to all the rewards and successes to which has ability and nerve entitle him.

T THE same time there is every reason why an effort should be A made to encourage the 85 per cent shooter who, perhaps, for the first time in his life, broke 90 to 100. And this is exactly what the

#### High-Gun Men Finally Give In

THE classification of shooters did not immediately become popular following years in learning to break clay targets and become a high gun. Let the beginner travel the same hard road to success, and they will be more appreciative of the success when they do win. But finally, the high-gun men appreciative of the success when they do win. But finally, the high-gun men appreciative of the success when they do win. ated that the beginners and mediocre shooters would not continue to go to tournaments and take part in a competition in which they had not the slightest chance to win. The championship race at the 1922 Grand American in Atlantic City will

be at 200 targets, sixteen yards rise. This is a real test, and it will be the men who can stand up under pressure who will become the class champions of North America for 1922. It is predicted that Mr. McCarty's class championships this year will prove so popular and successful that they will remain feature events at all the national and sectional trapshooting tournaments held

THE classification championship has the hearty support of the American Trapshooting Association, and Stoney McLann, the efficient secretary of the body, is giving all his energy toward making it a success in its first hig trial. He is seeing that correct afficial overages are being kept on the various shooters throughout the country

#### STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER TO PLAY FLEISHER NINE

### in West Philly Tonight

Yarners and Store Boys Will Clash

delphians have tennes that are rated Cantilever, Lady Lillian. among the topnotchers and a red hot battle is expected Manager Truitt will use either Griffin lite

or McMillen on the hill, while Lefty Nolan will send Bill Grieshaber to the

#### SUSPEND CHARLEY LEONARD

#### Punished by Boxing Commission for Jumping Into Ring

ing here, took to action in regard to the sudden termination of the bout between Benny Leonard and Jack Britton, which was severely criticized Commission officials announced that they were contemplating no inquiry into the match, which ended in the thirteenth round with a decision for Britton on a foul delivered by Leonard While taking no action as far as the

While taking no action as far as the principals of the contest were concerned, the commission announced the nsion of Charley Leonard, brother of Benny, who acted as one of the lightseight champion's seconds, for jumping
into the ring before the referce ansounced his decision.

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Muted a foul under the boxing rules and doing well. He is being pointed for the lightweight king's disqualilection even if he had not struck Britwhile the latter was on his knees

### Boots and Saddle

Horses which seem heat at Latonia today are:

First race Travests, Prince Welles, The Fleisher yarn baseball team will Jake Berger; second-Montfort Jones invade West Philadelphia this evening entry. Irone Walton, Playful Miss; and meet the Strawbridge & Clother than for the first time this senson.

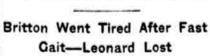
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> Hamilton: First rare-Devonite, Min-Man. Rocky Mountain: Fair Mac. Courteons, Ammunition; third — Sudor, Yowell, El Jasemar; fourth — Messines, Maneuver, King John: fifth — Ludy Rose, Mount Rose, Yalta: sixth-Reverly Belle, Titania, Ruddles: seventh — Fair Virginia, Bill Block, Roisterer.

New York, June 28.—The New York: Lord Brighton, Canyon: second (stee-State Boxing Commission, at its meet-ing here, took to action in regard to the sudden termination of the bout The Girl: fourth — Bon Homme, Char-Aqueduct: First race-Cum Sah, teau Thierry, Chesterbrook; fifth-Mount Hope, Arnold B. Mystic; sixth -Sweep. Fil de Fer, Giarre.

> Whiskaway, winner of the \$50,000 Kentucky Special, has been shipped from Latonia to the Harry Payne Whitney farm in New Jersey, Trainer Rowe has left Olympus and Broomster to start in the Latonia Derby. Morvich also has been sent East and will not be

Owen to Lead Harvard Nine Cambridge, Mass. June 23.—George Owen, Newton, star football and hockey player, a been elected captain of the Harvard 1933 seball team.



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### 18,851 Pay \$130,265.30

To See Leonard-Britton

Twenty-one thousand fans saw Benny Leonard foul Jack Britton in the thirteenth round of their scheduled fifteen-round bout at the Velo-drome. New York City, Monday night. Of this number 18,851 spectators were cash customers and the gate receipts totaled \$130,265.30. The net receipts were \$112,502, from which Leonard drew down 35 per cent, or \$39,375.70, while Britton's share was 30 per cent, netting him \$33,750.60. The Government tax of 10 per cent amounted to \$13,026.53. while the State received \$5021.15. Tickets sold were:

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#### By LOUIS H. JAFFE

TEW YORK fans are all excited N over accusations made by several newspaper writers there that the Britnewspaper writers there that the Britton-Leonard bout on Monday was an "out-and-out frame-up," that the contest was a repetition of the "fixed Gans-Britt" bout, in which it had been all pre-arranged for "Britt to lose on a foul by striking Gans while he was on the thoor."

This Britt-Gans match was held in

San Francisco on October 31, 1904, and the blow that ended the match in a technicality on account of the foul came in the twentieth round.

One New York expert delves fully and descriptively on the alleged "frame" of Monday night. He states: "The Gans-Britt affair was much better staged. The two managers expect too much By PAUL PREP credulity from their customers. They ask them to believe that Benny Leonand, the coolest fighter in the ring, lost his head. This is strictly improbable, if you will recall how cool Leonard has been under fire. You recollect how he acted when he was suddenly dropped by Richie Mitchell in the Garden? It is hard to believe that such a con-summately thoughtful young business into the bags.

In the early part of this season W.

man would lose his head."

Britton Tired

Personally, the writer can hardly understand what benefit could be derived by such a frame-up of which Leonard and Britton are being accused. To us it appeared as if Britton, the grand old man of boxing, had given his all, had gone completely fatigued, hastened on by the left punch to the body by Leonard, and Jack went

sumed boxing, but two mistakes were made. Referee Patsy Haley made the first one by hesitating too long in starting the count over the fallen boxer, so good that John Wandler, famous soccer official, became interested, and became interested, and became interested. and when Leonard lost his head by lunging after the downed Britton Benny robbed himself of what looked like a sure shot clinching of the welterweight

for his age-despite the than he is to thirty-five—gave a won-derful exhibition. He fooled almost every one of the 20,000 there by putting on consistently an aggressive battle. Jack often has been painted as the most remarkable of defensive boxers, but against Leonard he showed even a better offense. Continually he caused Leonard to retreat, back up against the ropes and sometimes hold-and hold on

But apparently Britton, severely punished only in one round-the eleventh-was anable to go any furher. Before the start of the thirteenth e had been foundling on his feet for we previous sessions, and it looked as if Britton's knees and legs gave way muer him.

#### Outclassed Leonard

While he was able to keep going, there were times when Britton virtuall outclassed his eleven-year younger op-ponent. This might sound somewhat exaggerated, because Leonard is sup-posed to be one of the eleverest mitt-men in the world. But Jack setually made Benny miss time and again, while the older man was by far more successful in connecting with his punches, The punishment administrated be Britton apparently rapped Leonard of little strength, because Benny continued along at a snappy gait, especially after the tenth round, while Britton was beginning to tire, and tire fast It was an unfortunate finish to as lever a boxing exhibition as has been seen in many moons with a marvel of the ring not only defeating a younger, fresher and clever opponent, but also

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A NEW baseball lengue has been organized in this city. For many years a flock of kids played baseball on a let adjoining the Nice-town Dye Works. Westmoreland and C streets. They played in their regular street clothes, which ofttimes were

decided to organize a league. Wandler's idea was met with ap-

#### Bows and Gilson, sporting goods merchants in that section of the city, have donated two sets of medals to the league. One set will be presented to the members of the winning team. while the players on the team finishing

second will get the other set. J. D. Enright, a jeweler in the same vicinity, has donated a silver cup. which will be given the team winning the League championship,

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Woulder's idea was met with approval on all sides, and the Allegheny Avenue Boys' Baseball League was organized. At the present time eight teams are in the circuit, but before the first game is played, July S, officials expect to have a twelve-club circuit.

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have been among the victims, including the Filipinos, Haverford Professionals and Jack Hines' Old Timers.

Dan McGinnis, who played left field last year, has charge this season, and he is authority for the statement that the 1922 edition is the best ever.

The club has four pitchers, several of whom are stars, in O'Neill, Leo Brennan, Emily and McSorley, Haig of whom are stars, in O'Neill, Lee Brennan, Emily and McSorley. Haig given his all, had gone completely fatigued, hastened on by the left punch to the body by Leonard, and Jack went down for a rest.

There is doubt that Britton would have regained his equilibrium at the count of "nine" and would have resumed boxing, but two mistakes were made. Referee Patsy Haley made the made in the neighborhood, and the started made. Referee Patsy Haley made the made in the neighborhood, and the started made in the neighborhood, and the started made. Referee Patsy Haley made the made in the neighborhood, and the started made in the neighborhood, and the started made in the neighborhood in the started made in the team after him. The H. J. Wall Baseball Club played every team in the neighborhood, and lots of function in the team after him. The H. J. Wall Baseball Club, Baseball Club, Hurley Baseball Club, H

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